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determining a schedule for performing the actions ... performing the actions ... confirming results of the performed actions ... and ... monitoring the results of the performed actions at Abstract; col. 4, lines 1-25; col. 5, lines 21-55; col. 8, lines 41-55; and col. 10, lines 22-54.

Leung appears directed to a method and apparatus for "monitoring performance of a parallel database" (Abstract) for the purposes of increasing "the precision of monitoring results ... [and] ... to return the best results possible within a defined time limit" (col. 2, lines 25-30). More particularly, Leung describes a monitoring system that "uses dynamic grouping and sequential sampling to monitor parallel databases" (col. 6, lines 2-3) – "collecting data from as many of the monitored nodes as possible" within a specified time limit (col. 5, lines 21-55; and col. 8, lines 41-55) to generate a single performance value for the user (col. 4, lines 54-56).

Thus, Leung is directed solely to monitoring a parallel database – no where does Leung teach or describe "determining actions to be performed" on monitored database objects *or* "automatically determining a schedule" for performing the determined actions *or* "performing the actions" *or* "confirming the perform[ance of] the actions" *or* "monitoring results of the" performed actions as recited in each of independent claims 1, 14 and 27.

As a legal matter, "[f]or a prior art reference to anticipate in terms of 35 U.S.C. 102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in a single reference." *Diversitech Corp. v. Century Steps, Inc.*, 850 F.2d 675, 677 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Further, the "identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the patent claim" (*Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir.), *cert. denied*, 493 U.S. 853 (1989)) and the "elements must be arranged as in the claim under review" (*In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 832 Fed. Cir. 1990), *reh'g denied*, 1990 U.S. App. LEXIS 19971 (Fed. Cir. 1990)). *See also* M.P.E.P. 2131.

Because Leung fails to teach (or even suggest) each and every claimed element, the Examiner has failed to make a legitimate anticipatory rejection under section 102.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and claims 1, 14 and 27 passed to allowance.

For at least the same reasons, claims 2-13, 15-26 and 28-39 are not anticipated by Leung. As with the independent claims from which they depend (claims 1, 14 and 27 respectively), Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and claims 2-13, 15-26 and 28-39 passed to allowance.

## **Conclusions**

Reconsideration of the pending claims 1 through 39 in light of the above remarks is respectfully requested. If, after considering this Reply, the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be beneficial towards advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed.

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